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SUBJ: SPEAKER EVALUATION REPORT: AMSPEC DR. TRACY MURRAY

1. DR. TRACY MURRAY, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY. AMSPEC. "NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS/FORMATION OF U.S. TRADE POLICY." RP 10 (PROJECT PARTIALLY FULFILLED).
2. QP-E, ED-VG, AR-VG, RO-E.
3. MURRAY SPOKE AT USIS CENTERS IN CEBU JANUARY 11, DAVAO JANUARY 12, PARTICIPATED IN PROGRAMS IN MANILA JANUARY 13 AND 16. AUDIENCE IN CEBU CONSISTED OF APPROXIMATELY 30 GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND BUSINESS LEADERS, WHILE SLIGHTLY LARGER DAVAO AUDIENCE ALSO INCLUDE SOME JOURNALISTS. TOPIC IN CEBU WAS "NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS; DAVAO TOPIC WAS "FORMATION OF U.S. TRADE POLICY." JANUARY 13 MANILA PROGRAM, FIRST SESSION OF POST'S FIVE-PART "INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC
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INTERDEPENDENCE" SERIES, ATTRACTED CLOSE TO 90 PEOPLE, INCLUDING MANY BUSINESSMEN, MIDDLE AND UPPER LEVEL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AND SCATTERING OF ACADEMICS AND MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES. TOPIC SAME AS CEBU. FINAL PROGRAM INFORMAL TWO-HOUR EXCHANGE WITH ACADEMIC ECONOMISTS FROM FOUR TOP METRO MANILA UNIVERSITIES HOSTED BY UNIVERSITY OF PHILIPPINES ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT.

4. MURRAY HIGHLY KNOWLEDGEABLE SPEAKER WITH WELL-ORGANIZED, WELL-PREPARED, SUBSTANTIVE PRESENTATIONS; PREFERS, HOWEVER, KEEP FORMAL TALK BRIEF AND TO DEVELOP IN DETAIL POINTS IN WHICH AUDIENCE EXPRESSES INTEREST DURING "Q&A." POST FOUND HIM VERY EFFECTIVE IN OPEN FORUM SITUATION. WHILE NOT ALWAYS IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH U.S. POLICIES, HE PRESENTS DEVELOPED COUNTRY POSITIONS AND DESCRIBES DEVELOPING COUNTRY OPTIONS IN TACTFUL BUT FORTHRIGHT MANNER. UNCTAD EXPERIENCE ADDED TO HIS CREDIBILITY HERE, AND POST CONSIDERS HIS VISIT TO HAVE BEEN HIGHLY USEFUL.
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